

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-6, as follows:

a' This application is related to ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Application Serial No. 09/206,686, filed December 7, 1998, now issued as U.S. Patent 6,161,178, which is assigned to the assignee of the present application and incorporated herein by reference.